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Applicant: Kiyohito MUKAI, et al.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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OF GENERATING A MASK PATTERN

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 15, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 15, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows.

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Dear Sir:

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<u>Transmitted</u> herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
|--------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|------------|--------|
| Total Claims | 15 | 20 | 0 | \$50.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | 4 | 0 | \$200.00 = | \$0.00 |
| | | Multiple dependent claims newly presented Fee for extension of time | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | Total of Above Calculations | | | \$0.00 |

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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